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MINUTES

OF THE

Second Annual Session

OF THE

Mt. Carmel Ala. Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Cedar Grove Church,

MADISON CO., ALA.,

October 25th, 26th, 27th, & 28th, 1878.

OFFICERS:

ELD. J. W. BROWN, Moderator, Vernon, Ala.
O. H. ALFORD, Clerk, Warrenton, Ala.

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MINUTES.

The ministers and delegates, composing the Second Annual Session of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Association, met with Cedar Grove Church, Madison county, Alabama, on Friday, the 25th of October, 1878.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. N. Maples, at 11 o'clock A. M., (Matthew, xxviii, 19–20,) in an earnest and instructive manner.

After a short intermission, the delegates were called to order by Elder J. W. Brown, former Moderator; Elder E. N. Maples, acting as clerk.

After prayer by Bro. Ira R. Foster, the Moderator appointed brethren Foster and O. H. Alford to read church letters; after which Elder J. W. Brown was elected Moderator, and Bro. O. H. Alford Clerk. The Moderator thanked the brethren for the honor conferred on him, and asked their aid and prayers in the discharge of his duties, and declared the Association organized for business.

On petitionary letters being called for:

Mt. Olivet Church—By letter and delegates, Elder Jno. M. Simpson and brother W. C. Hardage.

New Salem—Letter and delegates, Elders C. W. McLellan and H. L. Biscoe.

Debos Point—By letter and delegates, Elder F. J. Regney, and brethren Jas. Gaston, T. S. Echols, Jno. Carmack, and C. H. Anderson.

Mt. Tabor Church—Letter and delegates, brethren A. W. Black and J. H. Dorsey.

Liberty Grove Church—Letter and delegates, brethren B. Woody and J. G. Morrison.

Ephesus (Big Cove)—By letter and delegates, brethren J. C. Redman, E. F. Elliott, E. V. Carter and V. T. Pike.

Bethlehem Church—By letter and delegates, brethren Britine Bowling and Samuel Ditto.

The letters were read, and delegates received by the right hand of fellowship being extended by the Moderator.

Correspondence of sister associations being called for, Elder H. H. Horton, of Tennessee River Association, presented a letter, which was read, accepted, and the brother invited to a seat.

Also, a letter from Muscle Shoals, borne by the hand of Elder Jno. M. Simpson, which was cordially recognized and accepted.

On motion, all members of Baptist churches, in good standing, were invited to seats.

The following committees were appointed and requested to report as soon as practicable:

1st. Order of Business—Elders J. W. Brown, J. T. Evans and J. G. Morrison.

2d. Preaching—Elder F. J. Rigney, brethren J. T. Vann, N. M. Brooks, Thos. Christian and A. P. Baker.

3d. Correspondence—Brethren Ira R. Foster, O. D. Williams and Daniel Echols.

4th. Periodicals—Elders C. W. McLellan, H. L. Biscoe and Jno. M. Simpson.

5th. Sabbath Schools—Elder P. J. Corley and brother D. Bowling.

6th. Finance—Brethren Wm. Brannan and J. C. Redman.

7th. Home Missions—Bro. O. H. Alford, and Elders H. H. Bridges and E. N. Maples.

On motion of Bro. Ira R. Foster, the regular order of business was suspended, and he presented the following resolutlou, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the subject of general missions, and devise, if practicable, a more efficient mode for the spread of the Gospel of Christ, both at home and abroad; and that said committee be instructed to report to this body at an early hour.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, brethren Foster, Black, Dorsey, Culbreath, and Elder M. W. Pendergrass were appointed as that committee.

Elder Rigney, Chairman of Preaching Committee, reports that Elder C. W. McLellan will preach at Cedar Grove Church to-night, Elder P. J. Corley to follow; Elder J. T. Evans at Owen's X Roads, and Elder M. W. Pendergrass at Vienna; that Elder H. H. Horton will preach to-morrow (Saturday) at the stand, followed by Elder Jno. M. Simpson, beginning at 11 A. M.

The day's session closed by singing, and prayer by Elder H. H. Horton, to convene to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock, Association met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by C. W. McLellan.

On motion of Bro. Foster,—

Resoled, That the roll call be the first item of business each morning.

So the roll was called, and absentees marked; minutes of yesterday read and approved; rules of decorum read and adopted; report of Committee on Order of Business received and adopted. Marked Exhibit A.

On motion of F. J. Rigney, it was resolved that Elder E. N. Maples, former clerk, shall be tendered with the additional sum of $5, for his trouble and expense in preparing, and having published, the minutes of the last Association.

Committees of Finance, Correspondence, and Home Missions, granted further time to report.

Report of Committee on Periodicals received and adopted. Marked Exhibit B.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools read and adopted. Marked Exhibit C.

Visiting brethren, B. B. Stargney of Mt. Olivet Church, and L. W. Woodall of Tennessee River Association, were admitted to seats with us.

Committee on Preaching asked further time to report, and the body, on motion of Bro. Foster, instructed the committee to excuse Elder J. W. Brown from preaching the 11 o'clock sermon Sabbath morning, as the Association was being held at his church, and other preaching brethren, from a distance, were in attendance.

The Special Committee on Missions, through its chairman, Bro. Foster, read their report, and, on his motion, it was ordered to lie upon the table for the present.

On motion of Bro. Foster, the Association adjourned to hear the 11 o'clock sermon.

Re-assembled.

On petition of Mt. Tabor Church, by a unanimous vote, it was selected as the place for the meeting of our next Association.

On motion, a committee to nominate suitable persons to preach the next Introductory and Sabbath Missionary Sermons, was appointed, consisting of brethren Foster, Brannan and Echols.

On motion of Bro. Foster, it was resolved that the persons hereafter selected to deliver the Introductory Sermons shall be instructed to preach doctrinal discourses, so our brethren may become a unit in faith and practice, and those around us better informed of what we profess to teach.

On motion, Bro. Wm. Brannan was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

Bro. Foster introduced the following:—

Resolved, That, for reasons too tedious to mention, we change the time of the meeting of this body to Saturday, before the 4th Sunday in August, of each year.

On motion of Bro. McLellan, the above resolution was postponed until Monday next.

A special committee was appointed to receive the pledges of last year, namely: Brethren E. B. Staugner, David Echols and John Carmack.

Regular Committee on Home Missions, reported through their chairman, O. H. Alford; which was read and laid upon the table for the present.

The special Committee on Pledges, of last year, report that they have received from Ira R. Foster, $15.00; Sister M. A. C. Foster, from the product of a hen, $2.00; Sisters A. C. Page, $1.00, and Nannie Ayres, $1.00; O. D. Williams, $5.00; Wm. Brannan, $3.00; A. P. Baker, $2.00; J. S. Baker, $2.00. J. C. Redman, $2.50; M.

W. Pendergrass, $2.50; J. G. Blackburn, $2.00; L. D. Eubanks, $2.00.

Elder F. J. Rigney introduced the following:—

What is Baptist usage in ordaining preachers to the full work of the ministry?

Which was immediately taken up and discussed by several brethren, and, without a formal vote, all parties seemed to agree, carrying out the views entertained by Bro. Rigney.

The following query, from Cave Spring Church, viz: Whether it is right to receive any member, or not, without baptizing, only of the same faith and order? was taken up, read and discussed by several brethren; when, on motion, it was unanimously, but respectfully, referred back to said church, with a request that the said query be more definitely worded, so the Association can fully understand the information sought to be obtained.

The report of the regular Home Missions Committee, was called from the table, read, discussed and adopted. Marked Exhibit D.

Elder Rigney, chairman on Preaching, reports that brethren Pendergrass will preach to-night, at Cave Springs, and Honey to follow; Evans and Bridges, at Bro. L. Cobb's; Horton and Corley, at Vienna; Wesson, at Cedar Grove Church, and Woodall to follow; to-morrow. at 11 and 3 o'clock, Elders Simpson and Evans, respectively, in order of names, at the stand.

On motion of Bro. Foster, it was unanimously agreed that we have in the church, at 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow, a Sabbath School Convention.

After prayer by Bro. J. T. Evans, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

SUNDAY.

At the appointed hour, the church house was crowded with anxious persons, when the merits of Sabbath Schools were earnestly and forcibly portrayed and established, by brethren McLellan, Simpson, Corley, Foster, Alford, Brown, and others; and a few minutes before 11 o'clock, the services closed for preaching. By this time a large concourse of men, women, and children had assembled, many of whom could not gain entrance into the house, and were compelled to take the wetting rain, as it fell from the dark and lowering clouds. Yet they lingered around the house, to hear the earnest and eloquent discourse which was being delivered by Bro. Jno. M. Simpson. At the close of the sermon, it was deemed prudent, by the brethren generally, as it was still raining, to have no intermission, and they requested Bro. Evans to proceed with his discourse, which he did with great warmth of heart, and earnestly sustained the doctrines and ordinances of the Baptist Church; which was well received by our brethren generally. At its close, the congregation was dismissed in order, and all, through rain and mud, repaired to their respective homes, with cheerful hearts, feeling that good had been done during the day, in our Master's gracious cause.

Monday, 9 o'clock A. M., Association convened pursuant to adjournment; and, after prayer by Bro. McLellan, the roll was called, and absentees marked, and the minutes of Saturday read and approved.

Called up the resolution as to changing the time of our Association. After some discussion, it was amended by striking out "Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August," and filled, by inserting, "Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September," and unanimously passed. So, Mt. Carmel Association will convene with Mt. Tabor Church, Marshall county, Ala., on Saturday, before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1879.

Report of Committee on Correspondence, received, read and adopted. Marked Exhibit, E.

Bro. Foster introduced the following:—

Resolved, That our female friends be, and they are hereby cordially invited to attend our Associations, hereafter to convene, and the churches, at which these bodies are to be held, are specially requested to make ample arrangements for their reception and accommodation; which was cordially agreed to.

The report of Committee on Nominations, was presented, read and adopted. Marked Exhibit, F.

The report of the Financial Committee was read and accepted. Marked Exhibit, G.

There being a deficiency of the Minute Fund, it was ordered that the clerk draw his warrant on the Treasurer for $6.85, from funds not otherwise specially appropriated, and give his receipt therefor, to make up the sum of $30.00; and to have printed from three to five hundred minutes, and retain, if possible, a portion of said amount to re-imburse him for services as clerk.

The report of special committee on Missions, made by Bro. Foster, chairman, was called up, and, after eliciting earnest speeches from several of the brethren, was unanimously adopted. See Exhibit H.

In pursuance of the special Mission report, Exhibit H, brethren Ira R. Foster, chairman, Wm. Brannan, D. E. Echols, J. C. Redman, and A. W. Black, were constituted the Board on Missions.

On motion of Bro. McLellan, the following named gentlemen were appointed to divide the Association into five mission districts, viz: Brethren McLellan, chairman, J. C. Redman, J. T. Evans, Wm. Brannan and J. M. Simpson.

The following delegates were appointed, based on report of committee on Correspondence, viz:

To the Tennessee River Association—Brethren P. J. Corley, D. Woody, D. E. Echols, W. Carmack and J. W. Brown.

To the Liberty—C. W. McLellan and J. M. Simpson.

To the Muscle Shoals—C. W. McLellan and E. F. Elliott.

To the Warrior River—Ira R. Foster, J. M. Simpson, J. G. Morrison, and O. H. Alford.

To the Cherokee—Ira R. Foster and J. W. Brown.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention—Ira R. Foster, T. J. Evans, H. H. Bridges, C. W. McLellan, O. H. Alford and J. M. Simpson.

On motion, the clerk be instructed to insert a short notice in the Minutes, addressed to our corresponding bodies, showing the foregoing named delegates have been duly appointed:

To the Alabama Baptist Convention, Tennessee River, Liberty, Muscle Shoals, Warrior River, and Cherokee Baptist Associations:

DEAR BRETHREN—The Minutes of our present Association, when presented, will notify you whom we have chosen as our delegates to your several bodies.

O. H. ALFORD, Clerk Mt. C. B. A.

Bro. McLellan, chairman, reports that the Districting Committee recommend the division of the Association, as follows:

1st District—Mt. Olivet, New Salem and Mt. Tabor.

2nd District—Bethlehem, Mt. Carmel and Beach Spring.

3rd—Deposit, Center and Chestnut Oak Grove.

4th—Cedar Point, Liberty Grove and Cave Spring.

5th—Ephesus, Cedar Grove, and Debos Point.

Which was accepted.

On motion of Bro. Foster, the following proposition was read, accepted and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

WHEREAS, The Association has adopted the report of her committee on Missions, with signal unanimity, foreshadowing its approval by our brethren generally, it is therefore made known that a member of this body proposes to bestow the following gifts to those who shall labor most successfully and zealously for the Lord:

1st. A large Family Record Bible to the person who shall realize, and turn over, the highest amount, in cash, from products of cotton, according to the area of land planted. And, secondly, a nice New Testament to the following named:

1st. To the one who shall render the largest amount, in cash, from the sale of one hog. 2d. To the dear woman who shall be the most successful from the brooding of one hen. 3rd. To the lady who furnishes the most extensive and valuable lot of clothing. 4th. To the person who shall render the largest amount from their one to five days' work. Also they, as well as those who labor with them, will be entitled to, and shall receive, the unqualified thanks of this entire Association.

On motion, it was resolved that the District Evangelists be instructed to collect all pledges heretofore made, and give receipts therefor.

Bro. Foster introduced the following, which was read and adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, There is lamentable, if not censurable, apathy among professed Christians, in this country, and more especially with the Baptists, in regard to prayer meetings, Sabbath schools, and the support of their regular pastors. Be it, therefore,—

Resolved, That our District Evangelists be especially instructed to present forcibly these claims, to their various congregations, while engaged in their mission works, and urge them to organize and maintain, in each church, not only a spiritual weekly prayer meeting, and a punctual Sabbath school, but a system that will surely aid substantially in giving food and raiment to their much neglected pastors; and each church is earnestly requested to report in their letters to the Associations, hereafter to assemble, what has been, and is being, done in reference thereto. The pastors of the churches are earnestly requested to zealously co-operate with said Evangelists, in consummating the grand work.

On motion, it was resolved,—

WHEREAS, We have, invariably, a deficiency of funds, sent up by the churches, to print minutes; and, whereas, it is desirable that all our members shall receive and read the same; that each member, male and female, old and young, shall be earnestly requested, hereafter, in raising the minute fund, to give at least five cents for that specific purpose.

On motion, brethren Brannan and Redman were appointed as a committee to distribute the mission funds, on hand, among the preaching brethren, who have labored in destitute bounds, the past year, according to degree of services rendered by each.

Bro. O. H. Alford offered the following, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the brethren, sisters, and neighbors generally, in and around Cedar Grove Church, for the very kind and hospitable manner they have sustained the delegates and friends of the Association.

The minutes having been read, corrected, and approved, and a song sung, while the brethren extended to each other the parting hand, the session was closed with prayer by Bro. Foster.

EXHIBIT A.

Your committee on Order of Business, beg leave to report: First, session to be opened with prayer; second, call roll and mark absentees; third, read the minutes of the preceding day; fourth, read the rules of decorum; fifth, reports of the several committees: 1st. On Finance; 2d. on Correspondence; 3d, on Periodicals; 4th, on Sabbath Schools; 5th, Home Missions: 6th, appoint Sabbath preaching, 7th, consider petitions; 8th, appoint to preach Introductory sermon and select place for next Association; 9th, resolutions and motions with any other miscellaneous business.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BROWN, Chm'n.

EXHIBIT B.

Your committee on Periodicals report: Within our knowledge, there are several good Baptist newspapers, the *Alabama Baptist*, published at Selma, Ala., the *Baptist*, (an old paper) published at

Memphis, Tenn; *Ford's Repository*, published in St. Louis, Mo; the *Index*, published in Atlanta, Ga.; *Kind Words*, (a Sunday School paper) published in Macon, Ga; we recommend to the favorable consideration of the members of this body, especially the *Alabama Baptist*.

We further recommend that we discard the reading of trashy literature.

We advise the careful examination of every thing read, to see that it accords with Scripture.

C. W. McLELLAN, Chm'n.

EXHIBIT C.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report: We would recommend Sunday Schools in every church of Christ as moral training to the rising generation. Brethren, while the man of sin is reigning, let us fortify against the same with fortitude in all good works, as good stewarts in the field of battle. Brethren, we are raising children for eternity, for hell or heaven, and are the instruments in God's hands for their training.

We recommend, that each pastor use his influence to organize a Sabbath School in every church of which he has charge.

Respectfully submitted, P. J. CORLEY, Chm'n.

EXHIBIT D.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We would earnestly urge upon the church members to the support of the Gospel, that they should liberally divide their means as God has prospered them, for God loves a cheerful giver, and has said, "He that preaches the Gospel shall live of the Gospel."

Brethren, awake to duty, that the cause of Christ may prosper in your midst.

We earnestly recommend the Special Report, brought forward by Bro. Foster, Chairman of Missions, to be adopted and carried out to the letter, and hope all members of this Association will use their best endeavors to make the plan a success.

O. H. ALFORD, Chm'n.

EXHIBIT E.

Your committee on Correspondence recommend, that we send delegates with letters to the following Associations, viz: Tenn. River, to meet on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, at Trenton church; Liberty, on Friday before the 3d Sunday in September, at — church; Muscle Shoals, on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, at Bethel, in Lawrence county; Warrior River, on Friday before the 2d Sunday in October, and Cherokee, on Friday before 3d Sunday in September, all in 1879; also delegates with letters to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, to meet at Birmingham, on Thursday before the 3d Sunday in July, 1879, with a request that we be received as a constituent member thereof.

IRA R. FOSTER, Chm'n.

EXHIBIT F.

Your committee on Nominations ,for our next Association, beg leave to nominate Elder J. W. Brown to preach the Introductory sermon, and Elder Jno. M. Simpson his alternate; and Elder J. T. Evans, the Missionary sermon, on Sabbath, at 11 o'clock, Elder F. J. Rigney, alternate. IRA R. FOSTER, Chm'n.

EXHIBIT G.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows: cash on hand for Home Missions, $40.00; cash on hand for printing, $23.15.

Respectfully submitted, WM. BRANNON, Chm'n.

EXHIBIT H.

Your committee on Missions, having had under mature consideration the Subject matter assigned them, beg leave to report: They are irresistibly constrained to the belief, that the true disciples of Jesus Christ, where ever to be found, are, or should be, the earnest and zealous co workers with Him in the promulgation in its purity of His everlasting Gospel, and they either, directly or indirectly, constitute the enduring band of persons to whom that imperative command was given by the blessed Saviour, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,etc." As such, we would with all the sincerity of earnest hearts call upon every Christian, especially of the Baptist family living within the bounds of Mt. Carmel Association, to awake, to *arouse* from their deep slumbers and become efficient laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. We do not propose to invite you to enter a field of labor, either oppressive or burdensome' but one that will be light to your hands and consoling to your hearts. The work, if accepted cheerfully, will tend to give you prosperity in life and happiness in death. With our present surroundings, we do not hope to perform now, all we could desire, yet still by having no drones in the hive, nor laggards in camps, we may accomplish much in our Master's cause; remembering that a grain of sand is but a small particle, yet, by adding particle upon particle, a shore is raised bidding defiance to the advancing waves of the sea. A drop of water is a minute quantity, but by multiplying drops upon drops, a swelling stream is made, like unto the mighty ocean, in which the largest ships may ride in triumph; so in like manner we can, little by little, at least in part, succeed.

In view of the past and present, and in contemplation of the future, your committee would recommend: First, that this body, at its present session, establish a permanent Mission Board to be filled with five discreet evangelic brethren of our membership, who shall superintend all the Mission work under direction of this body until its next session.

Second. That we divide this Association, for the present, into five Mission districts, and select a competent Evangelist or Missionary for each, who shall take special charge of the Mission work hereafter

stated in their several districts under direction of said Mission Board, and said Board shall allow them such remuneration as it may, in its wisdom, deem fit and proper according to the means at their command. The said Evangelists to report to said Board, and the latter to the next ensuing Association. As to the plan of carrying out the Said Mission work, there being a large majority of our members connected with agriculture we propose :

1st. That every Baptist, either male or female, who may be identified with farming, within the entire bounds of the Association, shall be appealed to to give pledges as hereinafter named by our District Evangelists, respectively, to set apart of choice, select land—a parcel ranging from one-eighth to one-half acre—to be planted and well cultivated in cotton, and when opened, to pick out, have ginned and sold to the best advantage. In connection herewith, your committee would urge upon all landlords, whether they be Baptists or not, to let their tenants have such parcels of land free of rent, and to purchasers, to allow the full worth of the cotton, giving to the cause of Christ the profits expected to be realized. We would further advise those who plant, to collect all the waste manure at their command, such as is found under houses, in fence corners &c., and use it freely with their cotton seed when planting, and each one to strive to do, and perform most, if not all the work, at such times as most farmers are at ease ; and we entreat them to devoutly ask the blessings of Heaven upon them and their efforts while so engaged in toil for their Lord and Master.

2d. We propose, that if there should be any brother, sister or friend, who cannot engage in the cotton culture, that such persons be requested to select a shoat, or hog to be raised, slaughtered and sold to the best advantage, and we would suggest that the animal be fed on slops and pursley and weeds from gardens and fields, such as are generally not only lost, but a pest to the occupant.

3d. Your committee desires to speak to and for woman—*dear woman*—In the past she performed and was connected with wondrous deeds for good. In the future she can do likewise. Woman knows not her power to do good ; she comprehends not the boundary of her influence ; she is, or can be the light of the world, the salt of the earth, and the pillar of Truth to the church. It was woman who was the mother of Jesus. It was woman who, with her own tiny hands, washed the feet of the Saviour with tears streaming from her weeping eyes, and wiped them with the hair of her head. It was woman who came to the well where the wearied Jesus sat at rest who asked of her water to drink. It was she, a poor bereaved widow, who, by giving her two mites, being all she had, into the treasury of the Lord, did more than all the rest. It was two women who first approached the vacant tomb of the Saviour after His resurrection, and were met by Him as they journeyed to tell the news. Aye, it was woman who performed many other gracious deeds in connection with the Saviour while He was upon earth It is to you, dear

woman, we appeal, feeling assured it will not be in vain, and invite you to enter the field of battle with sword and shield as valiant soldiers of the Cross.

We propose, that every sister, and other female friends within the bounds of this Association, be requested to select and set apart for the Lord, one of the best brooding hens at their command, and sell the chickens to the best advantage. We will suggest that eggs can be begged of other hens, so the setter can be employed most of her time in hatching chickens; and we would further propose, that if any female friend should be so situated that she cannot avail herself of the privelege of raising chickens, that such be requested to give a pledge for a given number of stockings, either of cotton or wool, say from one to six pairs, or a given number of yards of cloth, either of jeans or plain, from wool or cotton, say from three to six yards or more, to be delivered to said District Evangelist. Let us remind our dear female friends that, the wives and children of our self-sacrificing preachers are entitled to their sympathy and regard. Look at those dear women with the care of children and home on their hands, both in and out doors, often bereft of the company, counsels, aid and protection, of their husbands who are laboring in distant harvest fields, and then remember that a few pairs of stockings and socks, and a few yards of cloth, would not only tend to relieve their pressing wants, but cheer up their aching hearts and soften the toils they are destined to endure. It would also fill the husband's heart with gratitude to God, and prepare him to go forth the more earnestly and willingly in proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ.

4th. Your committee propose, that each and every other class of Baptists who cannot help in manner and form above set forth, whether they be preachers, merchants, lawyers, doctors or any other class, shall be requested to give the gross proceeds arising from one to five day's labor, and to select those days that shall be the most remunerative of the year.

5th. Your committee further propose, that the several Evangelists be instructed to canvass, thoroughly, their respective districts—preaching Christ and Him crucified—and record in a book for that purpose the names of each doner, with the character of the pledge given, and in due course of time, recanvass his district, and collect up, fully, all pledges so made and give a receipt to each party so paying, and when called on to make their report to said Missionary Board, and turn over to it all cash and other property they may have collected from time to time. It is desired that no person will make a pledge only with a full and settled purpose to redeem it.

The following is given as a guide to those who may desire to plant cotton.

1-16 of an acre in a square, length of side, a little over 17 and 1-3d yards.

1-8	"	"	"	"	"	"	24	"	1-2	"
1-4	"	"	"	"	"	"	34	"	2-3	"
1-2	"	"	"	"	"	"	49			"
3 4	"	"	"	"	"	"	60			"

Respectfully submitted, IRA R. FOSTER, Chm'n.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Sabbath Meet'gs	Bptized	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number	Am't for Minutes	Home Missions.
FIRST DIST.															In the aggregate, $40.00.
Mt. Olivet	Morgan	Somerville	Jno M Simpson	W C Hardage	Jno W Simpson, W C Hardage	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	27	1 00	
New Salem	"	Apple Grove	J E Weaver	D P Briscoe	H L Briscoe, C W McLellan	3	1	1	...	1	...	1	35	1 50	
Mt. Tabor	Marshall	Oleander	J W Dunn	Alex W Black	A W Black, J H Dossey	1	9	4	2	2	2	4	125	1 65	
SECOND DIST.															
Bethlehem	Morgan	Lacy's Springs	J W Simpson	Sam'l Ditto	B Bowling, Sam'l Ditto	3	...	3	...	1	3	...	29	1 00	
Mt. Carmel	Marshall	Warrenton	J T Evans	O H Alford	Ira R Foster, O H Alford	3	1	10	...	7	3	...	63	2 00	
Beach Spring	"	Oleander	Jno W Brown	J W Culbreath	O D Williams, J W Dunn, J W Culbreath	4	5	3	...	1	1	...	33	2 10	
THIRD DIST.															
Deposit	"	Cottonville	M W Pendergrass	J M Dorset	O H Sigler, J M Dorsett	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	7	50	
Centre	"	Kennamoris Cove	P J Corley	...	J T Evans, R Winkles	4	...	1	...	...	2	...	33	55	
ChestnutOakGrove	Jackson	Woodville	J W Isbell	John Abney	F M Hooper, J B Boyd	1	4	...	...	2	5	1	23	25	
FOURTH DIST.															
Cedar Point	Madison	Poplar Ridge	P J Corley	J H Atchly	Thos Christian, J H Atchley, Isaac Myers, E Whittaker, B Woody	2	...	7	...	...	...	...	37	1 35	
Liberty Grove	"	...	F J Rigney	J G Morrison	J G Morrison	3	...	...	...	1	2	1	29	70	
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